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SHIPYARDS SLOW TO REDUCE COSTS

The Georgi Dimitrov Shipyard in Stalin has so far shown no interest in a cost-reduction plan. The same is true of the new efficiency methods and a good maintenance system. Careless work in this plant has caused the breakdown of some of the machines.

The machine-cutting brigade of the carpentry section, which has met the production plan by 130 percent and maintained high production standards, has been an exception.

A few other brigades have followed the example of the machine-cutting brigade. However, it is felt that the Party committee, the administration, and the trade union appear to be indifferent and show little cooperation in encouraging the formation of new brigades and organizing competition plans. The Communist engineers, technicians, and foremen also have not been very active in improving the work methods of their crews. Furthermore, the engineers in charge of conducting training courses are not taking enough time to explain the lessons and are not responsive to the problems of their students.

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